

## OPINION 1304

MELITHAEA MILNE EDWARDS & HAIME, 1857 AND ISIS  
OCHRACEA LINNAEUS, 1758 (COELENTERATA, ANTHOZOA):  
CONSERVED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers:

- (a) It is hereby ruled that *Melithaea* Milne Edwards & Haime, 1857, is an available name and is to be treated as an unjustified emendation of *Melitea* Lamouroux, 1812;
- (b) the spelling *ochracea* Linnaeus, 1767 in the binomen *Isis ochracea* is to be treated as a justified emendation of *Isis ocracea* Linnaeus, 1758.

(2) The generic name *Melithaea* Milne Edwards & Haime, 1857 (gender: feminine), made available under the plenary powers in (1)(a) above, type species, through *Melitea* Lamouroux, 1812, *Isis ochracea* Linnaeus, 1758, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2247.

(3) The specific name *ochracea* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Isis ochracea* (ruled under the plenary powers in (1)(b) above to be a justified emendation of *ocracea* Linnaeus, 1758) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2942.

(4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Melitea* Lamouroux, 1812, a junior homonym of *Melitea* Peron & Lesueur, 1810 (Name Number 2156);
- (b) *Melitodes* Verrill, 1864, a junior objective synonym of *Melithaea* Milne Edwards & Haime, 1857 (Name Number 2157).

(5) The spelling *ocracea* Linnaeus, 1758, as ruled under the plenary powers in (1)(b) above to be an incorrect original spelling of *Isis ochracea* Linnaeus, 1758, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1142.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2150

An application concerning *Melithaea ochracea* (Linnaeus, 1758) was first received from Dr Katherine Muzik and Dr F. M. Bayer (then both of *University of Miami*) on 25 September 1975. After an exchange of correspondence it was sent to the printer on 15 April 1980 and published on 8 December 1980 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, pp. 228–232. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general serials and to two marine biological serials. No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 June 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1984)30 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, p. 230. At the close of the voting period on 13 September 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — fifteen (15) received in the following order:

Melville, Holthuis, Mroczkowski, Cocks, Schuster, Savage, Heppell, Starobogatov, Sabrosky, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Hahn, Kraus, Brinck, Corliss

Negative Vote — one (1) Binder.

Alvarado, Bayer, Bernardi, Halvorsen and Ride were on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Cogger, Dupuis and Lehtinen.

## ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Official Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion: *Melitea* Lamouroux, 1812, *Nouv. Bull. Soc. philom. Paris*, vol. 3(63), 6, p. 188

*Melithaea* Milne Edwards & Haime, 1857, *Histoire naturelle des coralliaires ou polypes proprement dits*, p. 199

*Melitodes* Verrill, 1864, *Bull. Mus. comp. Zool.*, vol. 1, p. 38

*ochracea*, *Isis*, Linnaeus, 1767, *Syst. Nat.* ed. 12, vol. 1(2), p. 1287

*ocracea*, *Isis*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* ed. 10, vol. 1, p. 799.

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(84)30 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1304.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

23 October 1984